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THE  
SETT  
OF THE  
CITY  
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NISI DOMINUS FRUSTRA



IN SIGNA

EDENBURGENSIS

CIVITATIS



THE  
S E T T,

A N D

Decreet Arbitral

O F

King *JAMES* the VI.

Of Blessed Memory.

Containing,

The Fundamental Principles of the  
Government of the City of *Edin-  
burgh*, and deciding all Differences  
betwixt Merchants and Crafts-men  
therein, as it is Registrat in the  
Books of Council.

Together with the two Acts of Town  
Council relating to the same.

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The Magistrats and Council of this  
City, Ordains the Sett, Decreet Arbitral,  
and two Acts of the Town Council, to be  
Printed and Published.

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Printed for *J. Wardlaw*, and are to be  
sold at his Shop. 1700



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TO THE  
RIGHT HONOURABLE  
*GEORGE HUME*

O F  
**KELLO.**

Lord Provost, and one of His Ma-  
jesties Most Honourable Privy  
Council.

And to the Honourable

*Patrick Johnston.*

*Mr. Henry Fergusson.*

*Adam Brown.*

*Robert Forester.*

*James, Mac. Lurg* Dean of *Gild.*

*George Lawson* Treasurer.

} Baillies.  
}

And the Remanent Members of the Honourable  
Council of the Antient City of *EDIN-*  
*BURGH.*

This new Impression of the Sett of the City,  
is most Humbly Dedicated by Your Lord-  
ship and Honours most Humble and Obedi-  
ent Servant,



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*The*

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been appointed to the various offices of the County of New York, for the year ending December 31st, 1890.

County Clerk - J. B. Calkins  
County Treasurer - J. B. Calkins  
County Surveyor - J. B. Calkins  
County Engineer - J. B. Calkins  
County Assessor - J. B. Calkins  
County Comptroller - J. B. Calkins  
County Sheriff - J. B. Calkins  
County Jailor - J. B. Calkins  
County Prisoner - J. B. Calkins  
County Constable - J. B. Calkins

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*The Copy of the Decreet Arbitral be-  
twixt the Merchands and Craft-  
men of this Brugh, as it is Re-  
gistrate in the Buiks of Coun-  
sel.*

**A**T Edinbrugh, the Nineteenth day  
of June, the year of God, One  
thousand five hundred fourscore  
three years, in presence of the  
Lords of Counsel compeared per-  
sonally Mr. John Sharp, John Prestoun, Thomas  
Craig and John Skeene, Procurators specially  
constitute for the Provost, Baillies, Deakens,  
Counsel, and Community of the Brugh of E-  
dinbrugh, be the Act of Counsel underwrit-  
ten, made in presence of the Provost, Bail-  
lies, Deakens, Counsel, and Community  
contein'd thereintil, of the Date under-  
written, and gave in the said Act of Coun-  
sel, with the Decreet Arbitral aftermenti-  
onat given and pronouncit be the Kings Ma-  
jesty and Judges after-following, Subscribed  
be them, and the Partles after-rehearsed,  
and desired the same to be Insert and Re-  
gistrat in the Buiks of Counsel, to have the  
B strength,

strength, force, and effect of their Act and Decreet in time to come, and Letters and Executorials to be direct upon the Parties specifiet thairintil. The quhilk desire the said Lords thought reasonable; and therefore hes Ordained and Ordains the said Act and Decreet Arbitral to be Insert and Registrat in the said Buiks, to have the strength, force, and effect of their Act and Decreet, and hes interponit and interpons their Decreet and Authority thereto, and Decerns and Ordains Letters and Executorials to be direct upon the hail Parties specifiet in the said Decreet Arbitral, for fulfilling thereof in all poynts, in manner specifiet therein: Of the quhilk the tenor follows.

The quhilk day Mr. Michael Chisholme, Andrew Selater, John Adamson Baillies, Mr. John Prestoun Dean of Gild, Mungo Russell Treasurer, John Johnston, John Harwood, John Robertsone, William Maule, William Nesbet, Alexander Naper, John Morison, Robert Ker, Henry Charters Merchants, James Fergusons Bowar, John Bairnsfather Tailyeour, and the Deakens following, viz. Gilbert Prymrose Chirurgian, John Watt Smyth, Edward Galbraith Skynner, Edward Hair Gold-Smyth, William Hoppringle Tailyeour, Thomas Dickson Furrier; And suchlike James Ker Flether, William Weir Cordiner, Adam Newtoun Baxter, William Cowrie Waker, William Somer Bonnet-maker, William Wright Webster, Romanent Deakens of Crafts for themselves, and the hail Body and Community of the Town, als well Merchants as Crafts-men, makes

makes and constitutes Mrs. John Sharp, Thomas Craig, John Prestoun Affessours, and Mr. John Shear Procurator-Fiscal, or any two of them, their Procurators, to compare before the Lords of Session and Counsel whatsoever day or days convenient, and there in name and behalf of the Provost, Baillies and Counsel for the Merchants, and of the said Deacons for the Crafts on the other part, to consent to the Registrating of the Decree Arbitral given by the Kings Majesty and Arbitrators specified therein betwixt the Merchants and Crafts-men, in the Buik of Counsel, interponing of their Authority thereto, with Execution to follow thereupon in manner specified in the said Decree, and generally, &c. *Promittentes de rato, &c.* Extract furth of the Counsel Buik of Edinburgh, beame Mr. Alexander Guthrie Common-Clerk of the samen, witness thereto my Sign and Subscription Manual. *Sic subscribitur.*

Alex. Guthrie.

Here follows the tenor of the said Decree Arbitral.

**A**T Haliburdisse, the twenty two day of Apryl, the Yeir of God One thousand five hundred fourscore three years, we Robert Fairlie of Bradd, Sir Archibald Naper of Edinbelle Knight, and James Johnston of Elphinstoun, Judges Arbitrators, chosen for

the part of Mr. Michael Chisholme, Andrew Slater, John Adamson, and William Fairlie Baillies of Edinburgh, Mr. John Prestoun Dean of Gild, Mungo Russel Thesaurer, John Johnston, Robert Ker younger, Henry Charters, John Motifone, William Maul, John Harwood, John Robertfone, William Inglis, Alexander Napier, William Nesbet Merchants, being on the Counsel of the said Burgh, for themselves, and in name and behalf, and as Commissioners for the hail Merchants Indwellers of the said Burgh, on the one part, and John Cockburn of Ormestoun, Mr. Robert Pons Provost of the Trinity-Colledge, and Mr. David Lindsey Minister of Leith, Judges Arbitrators chosen for the part of James Fergusone Bower, Johns Bairnsfather Tailyeour, twa of the Crafts-men, being on the Counsel of the said Burgh; Gilbert Primrose Deaken of the Chirurgians, John Watt Deaken of the Hammer-men, William Hoppringle Deaken of the Tailyeours, Edward Galbraith Deaken of the Skinners, Edward Hair Deaken of the Gold-Smiths, Adam Newtown Deaken of the Baxters, Thomas Dickfone, Deaken of the Furriers, Andrew Williamsone Deaken of the Wrights, William Bickertoun Deaken of the Maiffons, James Ker Deaken of the Fleshers, William Weir Deaken of the Cordiners, Thomas Wright Deaken of the Webbers, William Cowrie Deaken of the Wakers, and William Somer Deaken of the Bonnet-makers, for themselves, and in name and behalf, and as Commissioners for the hail Crafts-men, Indwellers of the said Burgh,

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on the uther part : And the Right Potent and Illuster Prince, *James* be the Grace of God, King of *Scots*, our Sovereign Lord, Ods-man and Overs-man, commonly chosen be advice and consent of baith the saids Parties, anent the removing of all Questions, Differences, and Controversies, quibils are, or hes been betwixt the saids Merchants, concerning whatlome cause or occasion, whereupon Debate or Question did arise in any time betwixt them : And thereupon, baith the saids Parties being Bound, Oblist, and Sworn, to stand, abide, underly, and fulfil the Decreet Arbitral, and Deliverance of us the saids Judges, and Overs-man, but Appellation, Reclamation, or Contradiction, as at length is contained in ane Submission made thereupon, baith the saids Parties Clames and Griefs given in be them, with the Answers made thereto, and their Rights, Reasons, and Alliegiances being heard, seen, and considered be us, and we therewith being xply advyfit, after many landry Conventions and Meetings, with lang travels tane hereanent, hes all in ane Voice Accordit, Decernit, and Concludit upon the Heads and Articles following.

*First*, To take away all differences quibill hes been heresofore, concerning the Persons who had the Government of the Town, their Number, Power, or Authority, and maner of their Election; It is finally accordit and decernit thereupon as follows.



## MAGISTRATS.

**T**HE Magistrats, sic as Provest, Bailles, Dean of Gild, and Thesaurer, to be in all times coming of the Estrait and Calling of Merchants, conforme to the Acts of *Parliament*; and if any Crafts-man Exerce and Merchandize, sall for his guld Qualities be promovit theirtō, in that caise he sall leive his Craft, and nor occupy the same be himself nor his Servants during the tyme of his Office, and sall not recurne theirtō at any tyme theireafter, quhill he obtēin special licence of the Provest, Bailles and Counsel to that effect.

## COUNSEL.

**T**HE Counsel to consist of Ten Merchants, to wit, The auld Provest, Four auld Bailles, Dean of Gild and Thesaurer of the next year preceeding, and Three Merchants to be chosen to them, and als to consist of Eight Crafts-men theirow Sex Deakeas, and Twa uther Crafts-men, makand in the hail the said Counsel Eighteen Persons, and this by the Office-men of that year, to wit, the Provest, Bailles, Dean of Gild, and Thesaurer.



## ELECTION.

**A**ND as to the manner of their Election, It is first generally accordit and agriet, that na maner of person be chosen Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild, or Thesaurer, suppose they be Burgeses of the Brugh, and able therefore, without they have been ane year or twa upon the Counsel of before. And anent the Counsel, the auld maner of giving in of Tickets be the Deakens, out of the quhilk the Twa Crafts-men were yearly chosen, to be abrogat, cease and expyre in all tymes coming, swa that the saids Twa Crafts-men shall be chosen yearly without any ingiving of Tickets indifferently, of the best and worthiest of the Crafts be the saids Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild, Thesaurer, and Counsel allanerly, and nane to be on the Counsel above Twa year together, except they be Office-men, or be vertue of their Offices be on the Counsel. Sicklike, anent the Lytts to be Baillies, they sall not be dividet nor casten in Four Ranks, Three to every Rank, as they were wont to be, bot to be chosen indifferently, Ane out of the Twelff Lytts, Ane uther out of Eleven Lytts, the Third out of Ten, and the Foure out of Nyne Lytts. Anent the Deakens, That nane be electit Deaken, except he thit hes been an Maister of his Craft twa year at the least; and that nane of

them be continued in their Offices of Deakenship above two year togidder. Last in general, That none have vote in Lytting, Voiting, Eleeting, of the Proveft, Baillies, Counsel, Deakens, Doan of Gild, or Thefaunor, but the persons hereafter following, in manner afterfpecifiet.

### *Election in Special of DEAKENS.*

**A**ND to proceed to the faid Election, It is found guid to begin at the choosing of the Deakens of Crafts, quhilk are Fourteen in number, to wit, *Chingemen, Goldsmiths, Snyners, Furriers, Hammer-men, Wrights, Masons, Tailcoats, Butchers, Flethers, Cordainers, Websters, Wakers, Bonnet-makers*; Swa the Deakens now present shall stand and continue quhil the third Counsel day of before the auld time of Election of the new Counsel, quhilk was on the *Wednesday* next preceeding the Feast of *Michellmas*; upon the quhilk third Counsel day, the Proveft, Baillies, and Counsel now standand, extending to Nineteen Persons, and fra thence furth yearly, and ilk year, the Proveft, Baillies and Counsel, constitute of the faid Twenty Five Persons, fall call in before them the faids Deakens of Crafts, every one severally, and inquire their opinion and judgement of the best and worthiest of their Crafts; Thereafter, the faids Proveft, Baillies and Counsel shall nominat and Lytt three Persons of the maist Discreet, Godly, and

and Qualified Persons of every one of the  
saids Fourteen Crafts, maist expert Hand-  
labourers of their awen Craft, Burgeses and  
Freemen of the Brugh of *Edinbrugh*, whereof  
the auld Deaken shall be one, and cause  
deliver their Names to the Deakens, every  
one according to their Craft; quhilk Dea-  
kens, on the morn thereafter, shall assemble  
and convey their Crafts, and every Craft  
be themselves, furth of thir Names shall  
elect one Person wha shall be their Deaken  
for that year, and upon the next Counsel  
day after the said Election, the auld Dea-  
kens, with some of the Masters of their  
Crafts, shall present the new Deakens to the  
Counsel, quha shall authorize them in their  
Offices.

### *New Counsel of DEAKENS.*

**N**EXT to proceed to the election of the  
New Counsel. The said day of pre-  
senting of the new Deakens, the Provost,  
Baillies, and Counsel now standand of Nine-  
teen Persons, and fra then furth, the said  
day yearly; The Provost, Baillies and Counsel  
of Twenty Five Persons, shall choose furth of  
the saids Fourteen Deakens, Sex Persons to be  
adjoyned with the new Counsel for the year to  
come, and to have special vote in lytting and  
choosing of the Provost, Baillies and Counsel;  
and the same day, the auld sex Deakens  
quhilk was upon the Counsel the year pre-  
ceding, to be removed and have na farther  
vote

vote for that year, except some of them be  
of the number of the new elected Deakens.

### *New Counsel* of MERCHANTS and CRAFTS.

**T**Hereafter, Upon the Wednesday next,  
preceeding Michaelmas ilk year, The  
Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild, Thesaurer,  
and Ten Merchants of the Counsel, and the  
saids Sex Deakens, and Twa Crafts-men, and  
in the hall Twenty Five Persons, and Twenty  
Sex Votes, be reason of the Provests two  
Votes, ordinarily standand at all tymes, Shall  
convean and choose the new Counsel, to the  
number of Eighteen Persons, to wit, the said  
Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild and Thesaurer  
of that year, and the said sex Deakens to  
make Threteen Persons thereof, and to them  
to be chosen Three Merchants and Twa  
Crafts-men, and thir Persons to be callit the  
New Counsel; And if any Person of the  
Merchants chosen upon the New Counsel,  
happens to be put on the Lytte of ane uther  
Office, and promovit thereto, ane uther shall  
be chosen in his room be the saids Provest,  
Baillies and Counsel.

### *Lyttis* of MAGISTRATS.

**T**Hridly, To proceed to the choosing of  
the Lyttis to the Magistrats and Office-  
men, sic as Provest, Baillies, Dean of Gild and  
Thesaurer,

Theſaurer, Upon the *Friday* nixt thereafter, there ſhall convene the ſaid New Counſel of Eighteen Perſons, and the Auld Counſel conſiſtute of Twelſſ Perſons, viz. Ten Merchants and Twa Crafts-men, and in the hail Thretty Perſons to the Proveſts odd vote ; quhilks Perſons ſolemnatly proteſting before God, that they ſhall chooſe the Perſons whom they find maiſt meet, without favour, hatred, or any kind of colluſion, then ſhall begin and chooſe the Lytts to the ſaid Magiſtrats and Office-men, to every ane of them three Lytts, that is to ſay, To the Proveſt, twa Lytts with himſelf ; To the four Baillies, every ane of them three Lytts, the auld Baillies not beand ane, except they be new choſen thereto ; To the Dean of Gild, twa Lytts with himſelf ; And to the Theſaurer, twa Lytts with himſelf ; quhilks hail Lytts ſhall be of the Order and Calling of Merchants, as ſaid is.

### *Election of* MAGISTRATS.

**F**ourthly, To proceed to the electing and chooſing of the ſaid Magiſtrats and Office-men ; Upon the *Tueſday* nixt after *Michaelmas* yearly, there ſhall convene the ſaids Thretty Perſons of new and auld Counſel, and with them the reſt of the Deakens of Crafts quhilks are not of the Counſel, extending to Eight Perſons ; the hail Perſons ſwa conveneand, extending to Thretty Eight Perſons by the Proveſts odde Vote, thereof Twenty Merchants, and Eighteen Crafts-men, quhilks

quhill Persons fall begin at the Lytts of the  
 Provest, and every one in their awen Rank,  
 give their Votes to sick as they find meet for  
 the weill of the Town, according to their  
 conscience and knowlege, but feid or favour;  
 and on whom the greatest number of Votes  
 fall fall, that he be sworn, receivit, and admit-  
 tit Provest for that year; and swa to proceed  
 thorow the Lytts of the Baillies, Dean of  
 Gild and Thesaurer, quhill the said Election  
 be compleatly endit. The saids Provest,  
 Baillies, Dean of Gild, Thesaurer and Coun-  
 sel, electit as said is, makand in the hail Twenty  
 Five Persons; They only, and na uthers, fall  
 have the full Government and Administration  
 of the hail Common-weill of this Brugh, in  
 all things, as the Provest, Baillies, and Counsel  
 thereof, or of any uther Brugh had of before,  
 or may have hereafter, be the Laws or Consue-  
 tude of this Realm, Infeutments and Privi-  
 ledges grantit to this Town be Our Sovereign  
 Lords maist Noble Progenitors; exceptand  
 always thir Causes following, in the quhillis  
 the hail Fourteen Deakens of Crafts fall be  
 callit and adjoyned with them to give their  
 special vote and consultation thereinto, to wit,  
 In Election of the Provest, Baillies, Dean of  
 Gild and Thesaurer, as said is, In setting of  
 Fews, or any manner of Tacks attour the  
 yearly Rowping on *Martinmas* Even, In giving  
 of Benefices and uther Offices in Brugh, In  
 granting of Extents, Contributions, Empril-  
 mits, And sicklike Bigging of Common-  
 Warks, And in Disponing of the Common-  
 Good above the Sum of Twenty Pound togid-  
 der.

*Wairning*

## Warning of the DEAKENS and COUNSEL

**P**ROVIDING nevertheless, that the Deakens  
and not of the Counsel, or any of them,  
beand personally warned to that effect, and  
absenting themselves, swa oft the last Dea-  
ken, or any uthor that was in Lyre with him  
that year, shall supplie their room; and  
they beand personally warned, and absent,  
the rest compeared shall have power to pro-  
ceed: If any of the Provest, Baillics, and  
Counsel be absent, the rest wha are present  
shall choose an uthor in their room, And to  
avoid all suspicioun that hes risen in tyme  
past, through the particular Assemblies and  
conveneions, contrair to the Acts of Parli-  
ament, and to the trouble of the quyet  
estat of this Brugh.

## CONVENTIIONS.

**I**T is agreit and concludit, that neither  
the Merchants among themselves, neither  
the Crafts and their Deakens, nor Vissors  
shall have or make any particular, or gene-  
ral Conventions, as Deakens with Deakens,  
Deakens with their Crafts, or Crafts among  
themselves, farthest to make privat Laws or  
Statutes, Boynd and Distrenzie at their awen  
hande for transgressions by the advice and  
consent of the provest, Baillics, and Counsel.

DEAN



## DEAN of GILD may choose his COUNSEL

**E**xcepting always, that the Dean of Gild may assemble his Brethren and Counsel, in their Gild-Courts, conform to the ancient Lawes of the Gildrie, and Priviledges theire. And that any one Craft may convene together among themselves, for the choosing of their Decant, at the tyme appointit theireto, and in manner before expressed: making of Masters, and trying of their Handie-work sllanerly: And if any Brethren, or Deakens, of Crafts, dissent out, or devyse any good Hilde that may tend to the weill of their Craft, they shall propose the same to the Magistrates, who shall see forward an Act or Statute thereupon.

## COMMISSIONERS.

**I**tem, As toiching the Commissioners in Parliament, General Counsel, and Commissioners in Convention of Burrows, it is thought guid be the Commissioners, that in all tymes coming, the one of the said Commissioners for the Burgh of Edinburgh shall be chosen be the said Provest and Bailies forth of the Number and Calling of the Craftsmen, and that Person to be one Burgesse and Gild Brother of the Burgh, of the best, expert, and wise, and of honest Conversation.

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## AUDITORS.

*Item*, It is agreed, that the Auditors of all the Towns Compts fall hereafter be chosen of equal Number, of Merchants and Crafts-men, be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsel.

## GILDRIE.

*Item*, Toward the lang Controversies for the Gildrie, it is finally, with common consent, appoyntit, agreit and concludit, that als weill Crafts-men as Merchants, fall be received and admitted Gild-brether, and the ane not to be refusit or secludit therefra mair nor the uther, they being Burgeses of the Burgh, alsmeit and qualified thairfore; and that Gild-brether have liberty to use Merchandice. Their Admission and Tryal of their Qualificatioun to be in the power and hands of the Provest, Baillies, Thesaurer, and Counsel, with the Dean of Gild, and his Counsel, quhilk fall consist in equal number of Merchants and Crafts-men Gild-brether, not exceeding the number of sex persons, by the Dean of Gild himself; And that no person, of what faculty soever he be, fall bruik the benefit of an Gild-brother, without he be receivit and admitit theirt, as said is.

## BURGESSES, CRAFTS.

**I**tem, That na manner of Person be sufferit to use Merchandice, or occupy the handie-wark of ane Free Crafts-man within this Burgh, or yet to exerce the Liberty and Priviledge of the said Burgh, without he be Burgess and Free-man of the same.

## EXTENTS.

**I**tem, Because the Merchants and Crafts-men of this Burgh are now to be Incorporated in ane Society, and to make an hail Town, and an Common-weill. It is thought guid and expedient, and concludit, to abrogat the former Custome of dividing and setting of Extents, wherein the Merchants payit Four pairts, and the Crafts the fift part : And theirfore it is agried, that as they Watch and Waird together, swa in all Extents, Emprimits, Contributiouns, and the like Subsidies to be Imposit-upon the Brugh, Merchants and Crafts-men to bear the burden and charge theirow indifferently over-heid, according to their ability and substance, throw the hail Quarters of the Town, without divisoun of the Rolls in Merchants and Crafts-men in any tyme coming ; The Extentours sall be of equal number of Merchants and Crafts-men, eight Persons of the ane Calling, and eight Persons

sons of the uther, to be electit, Sworn, and receivit be the Provest, Baillies, and Counsel, out of the maist discreit and skilful of all the Town, void of all partial affectioun and hatred : and that na Person usand the Trade of Merchant or Crafts-man, and occupyand the friedome of the Brugh, and able to pay any Extent, not beirand the Office of Provest or Baillies in the mean time, sall be any wayis exemit fra the real and actual payment thereof.

## COLLECTION.

**I**tem, As the hail Body of the Town, consistand of Merchants and Crafts-men, does bear an common burden of Watching, Wairding, Extenting, and of the like Publick Charges, having an Commoun Good proper to nane, swa neidful it is for making an equal Unity, and charitable Concord, that there be in the hail Town but an Collection, and an Purse, not peculiar to any, bot common to all, of the hail Dewties and Casualities, callit the Entres-silver of Prenteiffes Up-setts, Owkly Pennies, Un-laws, and sick-like to be Collectit in all tymes coming, and received baith of Merchants and Crafts-men, and put in an Common Purse, and to that effect the Merchants to take and have Prentices, als weil as Crafts-men, and to be astrictit and obleist theirto, and na Prentice alwayes to be received of ather of them for shorter tyme nor the space of fyve yeirs compleit. And

for the better knowledge to be had heires,  
 and for observing an good ordour in Col-  
 lection of the same, that there be an com-  
 moun Book made keipit be the commoun  
 Clerk of this Brugh present, and to come,  
 wherein the names of all Prentices to Mer-  
 chants and Crafts-men, the name of their  
 Master, day of their Entries, and space of  
 their Prenteship, shall be Insert and Buikit;  
 for the quhilk the Clerk shall have at their  
 Buiking of ilk person Sex Pennies, and for  
 the Out-draught Twelff Pennies, quhilk  
 Buik shall be to the Prentice an sufficient  
 probatioun of his Entres, and an Chairge  
 to the Collectors of the said Dewties. If  
 any Man be an Prenteis heireafter, and not  
 put in the said Buik, his Prenteship shall  
 be to him of na effect. Alsua, be reason  
 every Industry is not of like valour and  
 substance, it is declarit what ilk Rank or  
 Degree of Prentesses shall pay, to wit, the  
 Merchant Prenteis, and sic kind of people  
 as were wont to Extent with them, and are  
 not under an of the said Fourteen Crafts,  
 to pay at his Entres the day of his Buik-  
 ing to the said Collection Threttie Shil-  
 ling, and at his Up-sett, or end of his  
 Prenteship Fyve Pound. The Prenteis to an  
 Skynner, Chirurgian, Gold-Smyth, Flesher,  
 Cordiner, Tailyeour, Baxter, and Hammer-  
 men, at their Entry and Buiking, to the  
 said Collection Twenty Shilling, and for  
 their Up-sett Fyve Pound; The Prenteis to  
 an Maloun and Wright at his Entrie Thret-  
 teen Shilling Four Pennies, and his Up-sett  
 Three

Three Pond Sex Shilling Eight Pennies.  
 The Prenteis to an Webster, Waker, Bon-  
 net-maker, Burriour, at his Entry Ten Shil-  
 ling, and for his Up-sett Fyftie Shilling :  
 And thir Dewties to be tane by their Owk-  
 ly Pennies, and Dewties of their Burgeships :  
 And to cause all persons to be maie wil-  
 ling to Enter themselves in Prenteiship with  
 the Burgesses and Frie-men of the Brugh,  
 this Priviledge is grantit to the saids Pren-  
 teises, that they sall pay na maie for their  
 Burgeship to the Dean of Gild, but Fyve  
 Punds by the Dewties foirsaidis : And in  
 augmentatioun of the said Collectioun, when  
 any persons sall happen to be made Bur-  
 gesses of this Brugh, wha was na Prenteis  
 to an Merchant, or Crafts-man, frie Burgess  
 of the said Brugh, or hes not compleit his  
 Prenteiship, sall pay to the said Collectioun  
 at his Admissioun the double of the  
 haill Prenteis or Entres, silver Up-sett and  
 Buiking, by the Dewty payit to the Dean  
 of Gild for his Burgeship, or Gildrie, qu-  
 hilk is Twenty Punds for his Burgeship, and  
 Fourty Pound for his Gildrie : The privi-  
 ledge alwayes of the Bairns of Burgesses and  
 Gild-brether not being prejudged heirby,  
 quha sall pay the auld and accustomed  
 Dewty to the Dean of Gild allanerly. Thir  
 Dewties and Collectiouns, or Casualties of  
 Entres-silver, Up-setts, Owkly-pennies, Un-  
 laws, and sik-like, to be received in all  
 times coming, of all Merchants and Crafts-  
 men indifferently, put in the said Common-  
 purse, and imployit be the advyce and  
 command

command of the Proveft, Baillies, and Coun-  
fel, for fupport and relief of the failyiet  
and Mecayet Burgefles and Crafts-men, their  
Wyfes, Bairns, and auld Servants, and uther  
poor Indwellers of the Town. The Proveft,  
Baillies, Counfel, and hail Deakens, every  
yeir after Election of the Magiftrats, fall  
choofe the Collectors of the laid Dewties  
and Casualties, of equal number of Mer-  
chants and Crafts-men, and to devyfe and  
fet down fuch good ordour as they fall find  
meet and expedient for the perfyte and red-  
die in-bringing theirof. And laft, the laid  
Collectors fall make yeirly Compts of their  
introniiffioun theirwith, at the tyme of  
making of the Towns Compts, and fall  
find fufficient Cautioun at their admiiffioun,  
for Compt, Reckoning, and payment. *Item,*  
It is Ordained, that baith the faids Pair-  
ties, Merchants and Crafts-men now prefent,  
and their Succelfours, fall inviolably ob-  
ferve, keip, and fulfill this prefent appoint-  
ment and Decreet Arbitral, and every Heid,  
Clause, and Article conteinit therein. Like-  
as, His Majefty and the faids Judges, wills  
and ordains them with willing hearts to put in  
oblivion all bypaff enormities, imbrace and  
intertein Love and Amity, and as they are of  
ane City, fwa to be of ane Mind; then fall  
they be acceptit of God, flop the mouths of  
them quhilk tuik occafion be their Divifion to  
flander the Truth; then fall they be mair able  
to do our Sovereign Lord acceptable Service,  
and have ane ftanding and flourifhing Com-  
mon-weall, and finally, His Majefty and the  
faids



said Judges will esteeme their lang Travels  
fruitfully bestowit.

## CERTIFICATION of the SETT.

**A**Tt our, His Majesty and the saids Judges,  
Ordains the Practise and Execution of  
this present Appointment and Decreet to be  
and begin after the Day and Date hereof, and  
to continue, and be observit and keepit as ane  
perpetual Law in time coming ; and wha sover  
contraveins the samen, sall be repute and hal-  
den ane Troubler of the quiet Estate of the  
Common-weal, incurre the Note of Infamy,  
and for-fault and tye their Freedome for ever,  
and otherways to be persewit and punishit as  
seditious Persons, conform to the Laws of the  
Realm, with all rigor and extremity ; And  
ordains thir Presents to be Ratified and Appro-  
vet in His Highness next *Parliament* ; and in  
the mean tyme, the same to be Actit and Re-  
gisstrat in the Buiks of Counsel and Session, and  
to have the strength of Acts and Decrees of  
the Lords thereof, and that their Authority be  
interponit thereto, and Letters and Executori-  
als to pass thereupon, in form as effeirs ; And  
for acting and registrating of the samen, Makes  
and Constituts, Mrs. *John Sharp*, *John Pres-  
stoun*, *Thomas Craig*, and *John Skeen*, our Procu-  
rators, conjunctly and severally, *in uberiore for-  
ma Promittendo de rato*. In witness, whereof  
the saids Judges and Over-man togidder,  
with the saids Commssioners, in token of their  
Consents and Acceptation of the Premisses, has  
Subscrivit

Subscrivit thir Presents with their Hands, as followis, Day, Year and Place foresaids. Sic subscribitur, JAMES R. Robert Fairlie of Braid, Archibald Naper of Edinbellie Knight, James Johnstoun of Elphinstoun, John Cockburn, David Lyndsey, Robert Pont, Alexander Clerk Provest, Mr. Michael Chisholme Baillie, Andrew Sclatter Baillie, John Adamson Baillie, Mr. John Prestoun Dean of Gild, Mun-go Russel Thesaurer, Robert Ker younger, Henry Charters, John Morison, John Harwood, John Robertson, and William Nesbet, Alexander Naper, James Fergusone, William Mauld, John Johnstoun, Edward Galbraith, Gilbert Primrose, John Wat, James Ker with my hand, William Pringle, Edward Hairt, John Bairns-father Tailleur, Thomas Dickson, Andrew Williamsone, Thomas Wright, William Bickerton, William Somer, Adam Newtown, William Weir, William Cowts, with our hands, at the Pen led be the Notars underwritten, at our command, because we cannot write our selves.

*Ita est Mr. Alexander Guthrie, Notarius Publicus, ac Testis in Premissis, de Mandatis dictarum Personarum scribere nescientium ut asseruerunt Testantibus, his meo Signo ac Subscriptione manualibus, Acta 14. & Maij 25. 1583.*

*Ita est Mr. David Guthrie, Connotarius in Premissis de mandatis dictarum Personarum scribere nescientium teste manu propria.*

*Extractum de Libro Actorum, per me Alexandrum Hay de Elster Kennet, Clericum Rotulorum Registri ac Consilij, S. D. N. Regis sub meis signo & subscriptione manualibus.*

*Sic subscribitur*

*Alexander Hay.*

# ACTS

OF THE

Town Council

OF

## EDINBURGH;

Determining the Time how long the Lord Provost, Bailies, Dean of Gild and Thesaurer of the said Burgh, ought to continue at one time in their respective Offices.

Authorized by Decreet of the Lords of Council and Session, upon the Twenty Eight Day of *February*, One Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Three Years.

Together with an Act of the same Town Council, declaring the Grounds and Motives for Printing the saids Acts.

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EDINBURGH,  
Printed for J. Wardlaw, and are to be  
sold at his Shop. 1700.

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# EDINBURGH,

*The first Day of October, One  
Thousand Six Hundred and Se-  
venty Eight Years.*

**T**HE which day, the Lord Pro-  
voft, Bailies, Council and Dea-  
cons of Crafts, ordinar and ex-  
traordinary, being convened in  
Council, taking to their serious and impartial  
confideration, That the Laws of this and all  
other well governed Nations, do oppose most  
vigorously the perpetuating of Magiftrats  
within Towns and Burghs, as that which in-  
hanfes the Government (that ought to be  
alterable, according to the merits of the Citi-  
zens) into the hands of one or very few, who  
may thereby easily exclude other well-deserving  
Neighbours from the Government, and might  
appropriat or imbeazle the Common-Good at  
their pleasure; And thereby wreath an insup-  
portable yoke upon the necks of their Fellow-  
Citizens,

Citizens, and upon the place of their Nativity and Residence: And having by experience found many more disadvantages rising by such unwarrantable and affected elections, and that even among the best of Persons, whom time and opportunity did too frequently tempt and corrupt: In so far that it was found necessary by our Predecessors to be precise and special as to the time of the continuation of their Magistrats: which according to the nature of all Laws, they did enact in general terms, not having an eye to any particular persons; well foreseeing that albeit some persons in the Government of the Burgh, might, for one or two year, behave themselves to the satisfaction of the Neighbours, knowing their time to be determined and fixed by Law, yet that the same persons continuing longer, being left to their own freedom and liberty to perpetuate themselves in the Government as long as they could by Faction or Interest, might in process of time degenerate and prove corrupt, and that the inconveniencies in removing such deserving persons from the Government of the Burgh, cannot by many degrees ballance the innumerable and vast ill consequences which naturally and inevitably attends the indefiniteness, and undeterminateness of the time, in relation to the continuance of the Magistrats within this Burgh, especially seeing the Affairs of the City, can sustain little or no prejudice by the Councils being necessitate to remove from the Government, persons who have given proof of their integrity, during their administration: In regard the remedy is in their own hands, and they may, out of a due resentment of

former good services, Bled of new the saids persons within few years after they are removed from the Magistracy. Upon all which considerations (and in respect that in this Metropolitan City of the Kingdom, there is alwayes a sufficient number of able and well qualified Citizens, fit for the Magistracy thereof) The Council upon the 5. day of *October*, 1658. years, laying aside their own interest, and the consideration of the power they then posselt, did pass an Act, declaring that the Lord Provost, Dean of Gild, and Thesaurer of this Burgh, should not continue longer in their respective Offices, than one, or, at the most, two years together at one time; and that the Bailies of this Burgh should be but one year Bailies of this Burgh should be but one year Bailie, one year old Bailie, and one year free of Office; and should not be put upon the Leits to be Bailies until these years expired. Under which Act the Neighbours lived happily, until the *Michaelmas*, 1664. years. At which time, the said Act was rescinded, and thereafter, the good Town having found too much the inconveniencies that followed that rescission, the same did necessitate some of the Citizens to raise a Declarator of the Towns Priviledges before the Lords of Session; the result of which Process was, that the saids Lords, by their just and wise Sentence in *February*, 1673. years, Decerned, for preveening all future incroachments upon the Towns Priviledges in that point; that the said Act should be revived and further secured, by adjecting a considerable penalty and an Oath, which every Magistrat and

and Member of the Council is to take upon the day of the Election of the Magistrats, for the more inviolable keeping and observing of the said Act : And in the same Sentence and Decreet of the Lords of Session, the said Act is at length and *verbatim* insert as their Decernatour, and made a part of the Fundamental Government of the good Town ; and accordingly ever since, upon the Election day, the said Oath is administred and taken by the whole Council. And the present Council being highly sensible of the many good effects, which have followed the observance of the saids Acts, for several years past ; and being desirous to shew how willing they are that well deserving Citizens should have a share in the Government of this City by turns, in which they hope that every one of them will by a generous emulation endeavour to exceed one another in their care of, and kindness to, the good Town ; and to extinguish all hopes of perpetuating the power in their own hands, or in the hands of such as shall be advanced thereto in time coming ; And to prevent all sydings and factions amongst the Inhabitants upon such designs whereof the Council are very confident ( seeing now persons are removed from the Magistracy, not out of humour and pick, as was formerly supposed, but by the appointment and determination of the Law : ) They have therefore ordained the said Acts to be Printed, that none of the Neighbours may pretend ignorance, but may regulat themselves accordingly : Of which Acts, the tenor follows.



*At Edinburgh, the fifth Day of  
October, One Thousand Six Hun-  
dred Fifty Eight Years.*

**T**H E which day, the Lord Provost, Bailies, and Council new and old, and whole Deacons of Crafts, ordinar and extraordinary, being conveyen'd in Council, and (having called upon the Lord for a blessing upon their affairs and endeavours) taking it to their serious consideration the great prejudice which this City and good Government thereof, hath sustained by the long continuance of Provosts, Dean of Gild and Thesaurers in their places, and the too great precipitancy which hath been practised in bringing in of Bailies to the place and Office before their ordinary course and season: For remeedy whereof, and to the effect that Love, Concord, and Unity may be kept, not only amongst the whole Council, but also amongst the Neighbours and Inhabitants of this City. It is unanimously Agreed upon, Statute and Ordained, that in all time coming, the Provost, Dean of Gild, and Thesaurer of this Burgh, shall not be elected or continued in their respective Offices longer than one, or at most two years together at one time. And that the Bailies of this Burgh, in all time hereafter, shall only be one year Bailie, one year old Bailie, and one year free of Office, and shall not be put in the Lists to be Bailies, until those years be past. And further, It is Statute



Statute and Ordained, that whosoever hath been, or shall be Dean of Gild, is, and shall be alwayes hereafter capable to be Lifted and chosen Bailies, as the Council shall think fit: And that no Thesaurer shall be capable to be Lifted for, or Elect<sup>d</sup> Bailie, till such time as the Accompts of his Intromission the time of his being Thesaurer be fitted and approven by the Council. And for the better observance of the premisses, ordains this present Act ilk year to be solemnly read in presence of the Council, the day of making the Lifts of the Magistrats, before the Council proceed to the making of the Lifts. As also, upon the day of Election of the Magistrats, before the Council do any thing in relation to the said Election, that none may pretend ignorance.

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*At Edinburgh, the fourth Day of  
March, One Thousand Six Hun-  
dred Seventy Three Years.*

**T**HE which day, the Provost, Bailies, Council, and Deacons of Crafts, ordinar and extraordinar, being conven'd in Council, taking to their serious consideration an Act made by the Provost, Bailies, and Council for the time, bearing date the fifth day of *October*, One thousand six hundred fifty eight years, whereby upon the great and weighty considerations therein mentioned, it was Statute and Ordained, that in all time coming, the Provost, Dean of Gild, and

Theſaurer of this Burgh, ſhould not be Elect-  
 ed, nor continued in their reſpective Offices,  
 longer than one, or at moſt two years together  
 at one time; And that the Bailies of this  
 Burgh, in all time thereafter, ſhould only be  
 one year Bailie, one year ſold Bailie, and one  
 year free of Office; and ſhould not be put in  
 the Leits to be Bailies, until theſe years be  
 paſt, as at more length is contained in the ſaid  
 Act. And finding that the ſaid Act, is in it  
 ſelf moſt juſt and neceſſary for the good of this  
 Burgh, and conform to the Laws and Acts of  
 Parliament made anent the Election of  
 Officers as Magiſtrats within Burgh: There-  
 fore the Council did ratifie, approve, and  
 revive the ſaid Act, in the whole Heads, Arti-  
 cles and Clauſes of the ſame; And ordains the  
 ſame to have full effect, and to be put to  
 execution in all time coming. And declares  
 this preſent general Ratification to be as valid  
 and effectual, as if the ſaid Act were herein  
 particularly inſert. Where-anent the Council  
 have diſpenſed; and hereby diſpenſes for ever.  
 Likeas the Council does reſcind and annul all  
 former Acts which are any wayes prejudicial  
 to, or inconfiſtent with the ſaid Act: And  
 particularly, do reſcind and annul an Act  
 bearing date the fourth day of *October*, One  
 thouſand ſix hundred ſixty four years: Re-  
 ſcinding the foreſaid Act bearing date the fifth  
 day of *October*, One thouſand ſix hundred fifty  
 eight years; and declares the ſaid laſt Act to  
 be void and null, and to be prejudicial and  
 derogatory to the Laws and Acts of Parlia-  
 ment, and to the Sett and Decreet Arbitral,  
 and the Fundamental Liberties and Priviledges  
 of

of this Burgh. Likeas, the Council being desirous, that the foresaid Act of the date, the fifth day of *October*, One thousand six hundred fifty eight years, should be inviolably observed in all time coming: And that all practices, invasions, and violations thereof, may be the better prevented, The Council do Statute and Ordain, that the Provost, Bailies, Council, and Deacons of Crafts, ordinar and extraordinary, for the time, shall take an Oath for the inviolably observing of the said Act in all time coming: and that directly nor indirectly they shall do nothing prejudicial thereto: And which Oath is to be yearly administred and taken by the Provost, Bailies, Dean of Guild, Thesaurer, and whole Council, having Vote in the Election of the Magistrats: And that immediately before their going about the said Election, the said Act is to be publickly read in the Council, and the Oath administred. And further, the Council do Statute and Ordain, that all Elections hereafter to be made, that are not conform to the said Act, shall be *ipso facto* void and null; and the persons swa to be Elect-ed, declared to be uncapable of bearing any Office of Magistracy within the said Burgh longer than is prescribed by the said Act, and the Electors of any persons as Magistrats, contrair to the said Act, to be holden and repute as infamous persons, and invaders of the just Liberties and Priviledges of the said Burgh, and lyable in the Sum of an Thousand Merks *Scots* Money, each one of them, to be applied by sight and advice of the Lords of Privy Council, and Lords of Session, for the common good of this Burgh, and the penalty of

Five Thousand Merks money foresaid, to be inflicted upon such persons as shall happen to be elected contrair to the said Act, in case they do attempt to exerce any Office within the said Burgh, otherwise than is prescribed by the said Act, and are declared by thir presents, and that with all rigour. And it is hereby expressly provided and declared, that execution shall pass hereupon for implement and fulfilling of every point, clause and penalty of this Act, at the instance of any Merchand, that hath been, or hereafter shall be Members of the Council of this Burgh; or at the instance of any Tradesman, that hath been, or hereafter shall be Members of the Council of this Burgh; or shall hereafter be Deacons of Crafts, or Crafts Counsellours in any time coming, and that against the contraveeners and breakers of this present Act. Likeas, It is hereby declared, that it shall be lawful and competent to any person to protest against any such illegal Elections; and which Protestations the Clerk is to insert in Record, and that the same shall be repute to be true and faithful servize for the good and interest of this Burgh. And lastly, The said Lord Provost, Bailies, and Council, for the better security of this present Act, in all points, do by their solemn Oath, *in verbis de presenti*, protest before God Almighty, that they shall observe this present Act in all the Heads, Clauses and Articles thereof, inviolable in all time coming. And for the more security, the saids Lord Provost, Bailies, and Council, consents to the Registration hereof in the Books of *Sederunt* of the Lords of Session, or the ordinary Books of the saids Lords of Council and

and Session, to have the strength of a Decree of their Lordships interpon'd thereto, the Letters and Executorials necessary may pass hereon; and the Horning on a simple Charge on six days allanerly; and for that effect constitutes Mr. *John Lawder* Advocat their Procurator. In witness whereof (written by *William Mackie* Writer in *Edinburgh*) they have subscribed thir Presents with their hands, day, place, and year of God foresaid. Before thir Witnesses, Mr. *Robert Lawder*, Portioner of *Belbeaven*, and *Alexander Gay* Writer in *Edinburgh*, inserter of the Date and Witnesses. Sic Subscribitur, Sir *Andrew Ramsay* Provost, *Thomas Calderwood*, *John Hall*, *Alexander Pitcairn*, *Robert Learmond* Bailies, *Walter Borthwick* Dean of Gild, *Thomas Robertson* Thesaurer, *James Currie*, *John Johnstoun*, *Andrew Cheyn*, *William Binning*, *David Boyd*, *Francis Kinloch*, *Mungo Wood*, *William Carmichael*, *James Riddel*, *David Swintoun*, *John Fossie*, *Lawrence Adinstoun*, *Alexander Bullerwell*, *Robert Elliot*, *George Gardner*, *Hary Barclay*, *Thomas Campbel*, *Edward Clegborn*, *James Paterson*, *Robert Newlands*, *David Muir*, *John Cars*, *George Johnstoun*, *William Stevenson*, *William Hopkins*, Mr. *Robert Lawder*, and *Alexander Gay*, Witnesses.

The Principal Act, Subscribed upon the Back by the Lord President of the Session, is Registrat in the Books of Council and Session, and kept amongst the Warrants of the said Decree.

The Council of *Edinburgh*, has at all their respective Elections, ever since the said Decree of the Lords of Session, sworn to the inviolable observation of the said Act, and their names are recorded in the Council Books of the said Burgh.

F I N I S.

# ACT

## *Anent the Town Clerks.*

*Edinburgh, the Twenty Seventh of  
August, One Thousand Six Hun-  
dred Seventy Five Years.*

**T**HE which day, the Lord Provost, Baillies, and Dean of Gild, Thesaurer, Counsel, and Deacons of Craft, ordinar, and extraordinary, being Conveened in Counsel; Considering how much the Reputation, Interest, and Quietness of this City is concerned, that their Clerks, and other inferior Servants keep themselves to, and within the Duty of their several Offices; and that by their meddling heretofore in the Election of their Magistrats and common Counsel, great abuses have been committed, Factions and Divisions have been bred, and fomented amongst the Neighbours; and the free Elections of Persons of greatest Merit and Interest for the good of the Town, have been, and endeavoured to be interrupted by the unlawful and  
factious

factionous meddling of their own Servants and Clerks, to the dishonour and prejudice of the Town, and to the hazard of the publick peace and quietness thereof : And finding themselves obliged in duty to prevent such unwarrantable and dangerous Courses in time coming ; Therefore the Lord Provost, Baillies, Dean of Gild, and Thesaurer, and Counsel, and Deacons of Crafts, ordinar, and extraordinary, have thought fit to Enact, Declare, and Ordain ; Likeas they do hereby Enact, Declare, and Ordain, that the Clerks of this City, who are presently, or shall be hereafter in that Office, shall keep themselves close to their Duties, as Clerks ; And that it shall not be lawful to them, but that it shall be a Crime, meriting Depravation, and incapacitie to Serve in that Place for ever thereafter, at any time coming, to medle in the Elections of the Magistrats, Counsel, or Deacons within the City, or Liberties thereof, Informing, or Soliciting, or Recommending, or Conferring, or treating, or any other manner of way, by themselves or others, directly, or indirectly, interposing with any Persons, in, or concerning any of the said Elections, or in making of Liets for the same : And also that they shall not medle in any other publick Affairs of the good Town, but within the limits of their Offices as Clerks. And accordingly they are hereby discharged as said is, to medle in any sort ; And in case they failzie, they are forthwith to be Deprived, and Discharged of their Offices, and declared for ever incapable to Serve therein. And the Counsel ordains these Presents to be Recorded by their present Clerks, in the Counsel Books,



and to be written in an fair hand Writ,  
affixed on Broad, and apprehended on the  
Wall of the Counsell-house, at all Meetings  
of the Counsell. And for the saids Clerks,  
their punctual observance of the Primises,  
appoints them to make Faith, and declare  
upon their great Oath, that they shall not  
transgresse this present Statute in any Point.

Extracted

WILL. RAMSAY,

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Eodem die,

Mr. William Ramsay one of the Town  
Clerks, and Alexander Gay made Faith ac-  
cordingly.

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